negotiated with the lowest bidder M/s. CGG Pan India only.

(b) The evaluated price as per the rates quoted by the two bidders at the time of opening of the bids and as per NIT criteria are given below:

(i) M/s CGG India (1 FRF = 5.53)	Pan : FRF = INR	20,46,107 Rs. 1,13,14,971.47
(ii) M/s Prakla Schlumberger subsidiary of SchJuroberger Group of Comapines) (1 US$ = Rs. 31.61)	GECO : US$ (a = *INR	3,12,751.47 98,86,396.07

*with price preference of 15% admissible to Indian bidders, this amount becomes INR 1,13,69,348.59.

(c) The bid of M/s CGG Pan India was in French Franc and M/s GECO Prakla in US dollar.

(d) Rs. 1170 per shot.

Out-of-turn allotment of petrol pumps in Andhra Pradesh

2561. SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of petrol pumps sanctioned in Andhra Pradesh on out-of-turn basis during the last three years;

(b) what is the criterion for such allotments; and

(c) what are the names of persons sanctioned petrol pumps on out-of-turn basis?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (c) Retail outlet dealership arc allotcd on out-of-turn basis under discretionary powers of the Government in a few deserving cases on compassionate grounds. 12 retail outlet dealerships were allotted in Andhra Pradesh during the last three years on compassionate grounds.

Fire incidents in ONGC wells

2562. DR. SANJAYA SINH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether incidents of fire at ONGC's wells in Krishna Godavari basin had taken place earlier also;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the extent of damage caused as a resuft of those incidents; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the organisation is not at all prepared to arrest such incidents, inspite of the fact that such incidents, do take place very often and if so, the reasons therefor and whether responsibility is proposed to be fixed in this regard; if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

Complaints of malpractices by petrol pumps PDS owners and LPG dealers

2563. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have received a large numbcrt of complaints about the malpractices of petrol pump owners, LPG dealers and PDS owners;

(b) if so, the number of such complaints received during the last three years and the action taken thereon; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to eliminate such complaints?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA) : (a) and (b) The number of complaints received against retail outlet dealers and LPG distributors during the last three years is given below:—

Year	Number of Complaints received against	
	Retail Outlet Dealers	LPG Distributors
1992-93	216	6797
1993-94	154	5399
1994-95	119	6453

In proven cases of malpractices, actions such as warning, suspension of sales and supplies, termination of dealership/ distributor-ship, etc. were taken under the marketing Dist. *Discipline Guidelines* against the errant dealers/distributors.

As Public Distribution System is controlled by the State Government, the information regarding the complaints received against the PDS owner? is not maintained, by this Ministry.

(c) The MS/HSD Control Order, 1990 and the Marketing Discipline Guidelines are in operation for curbing adulteration/ malpractices in retail outleis. Density checks, filter paper tests and furfural doping tests arc carried out to check adulteration. Surprise inspection are made by mobile laboratories.

For retail outlets as well as LPG distributor-ships, regular and surprise inspections are made by field officers of the Oil Companies and State Authorities.

In proven cases of malpractices, punitive action is taken including termination of dealer-ship/distributor-saip under the Marketing Discipline Guidelines

Conversion of rail lines

2564. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased tc state:

(a) what is the progress made so far about the conversion of rail lines into broad-gauge on (i) Solapur-Bijapur, (ii) Miraj-Latur (ii) Daund-Baramati and (iv) Gondia-Chanda , Fort, indicating the present stage of implementation, the time by which each one is likely to be completed and the reasons for the delay; and

(b) the expenditure incurred thereon and the availability of funds therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF) : (a) The progress made so far, the targetted date tor completion and reasons for delay of fne following gauge conversion projects arc as under:—

	Name of the Project	Progress upto 31.12.94	Targetted date for Completion	Reasons for Delay
1.	Solapur-Bijapur	Work which was included in Budget for 1993-94, could not be taken up for want of approval of the Planning Commission. Planning Commission's approval has been received only on 08-03-95. Preliminary arrangements for taking up the work are being made.		
2.	Miraj-Latur	Planning Commission's approval has been received only on 08-12-1995. Preliminary arrangements for taking up the work are on hand.		
3.	Daund-Baramati	Completed and opened to traffic		
4.	*Gondia-Chanda Fort*			
	(i) Gondia-Wadsa	Completed		
	(ii) Wadsa-Chanda Fort	11%	1996-97	—

(b) The anticipated expenditure upto 31.3.95 and the outlay provided for these projects during 1995-96 are as under:—